

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING
May 31, 2005

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS ARE RECORDED ELECTRONICALLY OR STENOGRAPHICALLY AND ARE AVAILABLE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES.

Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:04 p.m. The meeting was held in Conference Room 100B at the Indiana University Research Park at 501 North Morton Street in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Tim Henke, Jeff Ehman, John Whitehart, Rachel Tolen, Sam Vaught, and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, Mike Bengtson, Jane Fleig, Tom Staley, Steve Saulter, and Mike Hicks. Also present: Mark Menefee representing Indiana University Utilities Department, Ben Beard representing Gentry Development, Margaret Fette representing The Libertarian Party of Indiana, and Mike Carmin representing Don Cowden. (A copy of the sign-up sheet is attached to the minutes.)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Board members Ehman and Tolen asked that on page 3 the last line be deleted and on page 4 the first paragraph be deleted and the following inserted:

Board members were assured by the Utilities Department staff, by representatives of the new sewer district, and by representatives of Bynum Fanyo that the system was being sized to fit the population to be served north of 46. The area south of 46 can be added at a later time with a change in pumps. It was pointed out that the lift station was **not** being built with excess capacity at this time.

After considerable discussion, two motions were presented for this matter:

HENKE MOVED AND EHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT TO INCLUDE THE PROPERTY OWNED BY SAM MASON WITH A MAXIMUM OF 30 SEWER CONNECTIONS ALLOWED, TO INSTALL SEWER LINES WITH SUFFICIENT CAPACITY FOR THE 30 SEWER CONNECTIONS, AND TO ASK ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY RENFROW TO AMEND THE CONTRACT AS INSTRUCTED. MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES. 1 NAY (TOLLEN). 1 MEMBER ABSENT (WHITEHART).

The changes were made as requested.

VAUGHT MOVED AND HENKE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2005, MEETING AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED. 6 AYES. 1 MEMBER ABSENT (EHERENMAN).

CLAIMS:

Tim Henke –

Board Vice President Henke requested a status report on the Beam, Longest and Neff Monroe County Bridges project.

Tom Swafford –

Board President Swafford requested an update report from Greeley & Hansen on the Wet Weather Management Program.

VAUGHT MOVED AND EHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

CLAIMS 0590654 THROUGH 0590719 INCLUDING \$127,859.30 FROM THE WATER OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND AND \$43,436.56 FROM THE WATER CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR A TOTAL OF \$171,295.86 FROM THE WATER UTILITY; CLAIMS 0530396 THROUGH 0530449 INCLUDING \$160,964.76 FROM THE WASTEWATER OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND AND \$15,260.34 FOR A TOTAL OF \$160,964.76 FROM THE WASTEWATER UTILITY; AND CLAIMS 0570060 THROUGH 0570064 INCLUDING \$15,160.34 FROM THE WASTEWATER/STORMWATER FUND FOR A TOTAL OF \$15,160.34 FROM THE WASTEWATER/STORMWATER UTILITY. TOTAL CLAIMS APPROVED – \$347,420.96.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 AYES. 1 MEMBER ABSENT (EHERENMAN).

AUTO-PAY & TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2005:

VAUGHT MOVED AND HENKE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUTO-PAYS & TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2005 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$802,201.50. MOTION CARRIED. 6 AYES. 1 MEMBER ABSENT (EHERENMAN).

MBNA CHARGE ACCOUNT PAYMENT FOR APRIL 20, 2005:

Board members questioned the following listing on the MBNA Charge Account Payment sheet:

Eubank, Debbie: \$956.60; ½ cost computer equipment

Utilities Director Murphy informed Board members that he would obtain information regarding this listing and contact them about the listing.

VAUGHT MOVED AND EHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MBNA CHARGE ACCOUNT PAYMENT FOR APRIL 20, 2005, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,786.12. MOTION CARRIED. 6 AYES. 1 MEMBER ABSENT (EHERENMAN).

At the request of Utilities Director Murphy, the following item was moved to this place on the agenda.

APPEAL OF DENIAL OF SEWER CONNECTION – DONALD L. COWDEN:

Utilities Director Murphy explained that a denial of sewer connection letter was sent in this matter on May 19, 2005. The property on the north side of Vernal Pike is in the exclusionary area and was determined by the City's Economic Development Director to not have a demonstrable economic impact on the City of Bloomington. Therefore, this request received a negative recommendation by the Mayor of the City of Bloomington.

Mike Carmin, speaking on behalf of Don Cowden, explained that the developer first attempted to get approval for sewer connection in September 2003.

Per instructions from Board President Swafford, this request will be referred to the Engineering Subcommittee for review. Mr. Carmin and Mr. Cowden will be notified of the date and time of this meeting so they can present their information.

UPDATE ON WEST KIRKWOOD PROJECT:

Due to the fact that Susie Johnson, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development, was not available, the update information was presented by Utilities Director Murphy and Assistant Director Staley.

The HAND Department is proceeding with a streetscape project on West Kirkwood from Rogers Street to Maple Street. This is with assistance from various City Departments.

The Utilities Department is contributing by putting in new water and wastewater lines. The Utilities Department will also be contributing to the installation of stormwater lines, but that work will be contracted out by the Public Works Department. The water and wastewater lines are being installed now. The stormwater lines will be installed when the sidewalk work is completed. The work was begun this week and is being performed by employees of the Transmission and Distribution Department. The project was first predicted to take approximately three weeks; however, it is now thought that the work will take approximately six weeks to complete. So far, the following work has been completed by the Utilities Department: installation of 170' of 10" sdr-35 pipe, 202' of 8" sdr-35 pipe, three manholes, and reconnection of six laterals for wastewater; and 1340' of 8" main, 22' of 6" main, and three fire hydrants for water.

Steps have been taken to keep property owners in the area informed of the work to be done and the time frame in which it is to be done. The work being done will be a great improvement for all concerned, and it is believed that the benefits will far outweigh the problems caused.

Board members will be kept updated on this project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Patrick Murphy –

Utilities Director Murphy reported that the issue of summer sewer average will be addressed at the next Board meeting on June 13, 2005.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

No subcommittee reports were presented.

STAFF REPORTS:

No staff reports were presented.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Margaret Fette –

Margaret Fette stated that she lives close to the area of the property north of Vernal Pike for which Don Cowden is attempting to get sewer approval. She does not feel that the community will benefit by denying sewer connection to small businesses. Since so many of the larger businesses and industries are leaving Bloomington, Ms. Fette feels that sewer connections to the properties for small business need to be approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President